

**Elated Stengel Praises Team,
Calls Flag ‘Something Special’**

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BOSTON, Sept. 25 — The Yankees, long accustomed to pennant triumphs, have never distinguished themselves as an overly demonstrative group. However, as they came dashing into their Fenway Park dressing quarters after clinching the 1960 pennant today, it was patent that they considered the latest triumph one of their most spectacular.

And giving voice to this the loudest was their manager, Charles Dillon Stengel. Although Casey declined to say point blank that this flag gave him a greater thrill than any of the nine previous pennants he had won with the Bombers, he made no effort to hide his elation.

‘Tremendous Team Triumph’

“I consider this a tremendous team triumph,” said Stengel. “After what we went through last year and the way a lot of experts picked us to finish no better than second or third last spring I want to tell you this comes as something special to me.

“And while I wouldn’t want to single out any particular players, I will say the players we picked up late in the race, like this little Luis Arroyo, Jimmy Pisoni and Dale Long, they helped us a lot. Tony Kubek’s play at short also was terrific all year. Tony may not look like one of the game’s greatest shortstops but you can say he’s not far away from being one.”

Regarding his retirement, which some believe is likely with the close of this season, Stengel parried all efforts to trap him into a making an admission.

Not Saying a Word

“As I’ve said before and as I’ll say again,” declared Stengel, “the decision whether I’ll continue or retire is one that I’ll decide in October. And until then, I’m not saying a word.

“With the pennant clinched my next job is to prepare for the world series. That’s something still coming up don’t forget.”

After their drab third-place finish in 1959, the Yanks appeared headed for another also-ran race in 1960 when May saw them struggling at the 500 mark in fourth place, six games out of the lead. But in June, a great spurt put them in the lead and from then on, it was nip and tuck with their three rivals—the White Sox, the Orioles and the Indians.

In July the Indians faded out, but the other two clung on, never more than a few games out. In September the White

Sox faltered, leaving it up to Paul Richards’ youthful Orioles to stall the Bombers’ pennant bid.

The big test came on Sept. 16, when the Yanks and Orioles opened a four-game series in New York. The Yanks were in first place but only by one percentage point.

Then the bombers brought down the Birds in four straight and that, virtually settled the pennant.

Stengel, a one-time outfielder with the Dodgers, Giants and several other National League clubs, had two rather unsuccessful terms of major league managing with the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Boston Braves. The Dodgers thought so little of his services that when they deposed him they paid him off on a contract that still had a year to go.

Such, therefore, was the managerial record Stengel “enjoyed” when he was named to boss the Yankees in 1949. He forthwith amazed the baseball world by winning five straight pennants and five world series titles to match, a record that still stands.

Series Record 7-2

Beaten in 1954, he was back with another pennant winner in 1955 that started a string of four, interrupted by the White Sox last year.

In world series play, Stengel has won seven and lost two. His Yankee predecessor, Joe McCarthy, won seven and also lost two, though only with the Yanks. Before coming to the Yanks in 1931, McCarthy had won a National League pennant with the Cubs in 1929, only to lose the world series.

McGraw, the only other manager beside Stengel to win ten major league pennants, won only three world series and lost six. In 1904, when McGraw’s Giants won their first pennant, there was no series.

The Yankees began their astounding string of successes under the late Miller Huggins in 1921, winning also in 1922 and 1923. Out of the running for two years, the Bombers, headed by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, came back to win three more from 1926 through 1928.

Under McCarthy, the Yanks won in 1932. Then with 1936 and the advent of Joe DiMaggio, the McCarthy-managed Bombers reeled off seven more pennants in eight years, winning from 1936 through 1939 and from 1941 through 1943.

In the post-war era, they won again under Bucky Harris in 1947. Two years later, Stengel’s fabulous career began.



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ANOTHER FOR CASEY: Casey Stengel, New York Yankee manager, leads a victory yell in the dressing room at Boston. With Stengel is Joe Cronin, American League president.